

AK FASD Partnership STEERING COMMITTEE
Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2013 – MINUTES

I. Introductions. Wendy Barrett, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Christie Reinhardt, Trish Smith, Shannon Cross, Amy Hansen, Judge Mike Jeffery, Adam Rutherford, Deb Evensen, Teri Tibbett

II. Approval of Agenda. Approved.

III. Approval of Minutes 7.10.13. Approved, as amended.

IV. General Updates and Information

- Christie Reinhart is working with Anna Atla, council member and SAFA (Self Advocates with FASD in Action) member, starting a SAFA chapter in Anchorage. The Arc is the national sponsor, so they're hoping the Arc in Alaska will co-sponsor. Looking for a place to hold substance abuse classes for people with FASD and other neuro-disabilities. The Arc in Alaska has a new executive director, so things will be prioritized accordingly.
- Judge Jeffery commented that the U.S. Secretary of the Interior was in Barrow overnight and attended a series of events there, then stopped and talked with Judge Jeffery and asked what he suggested, and the judge brought up FASD and reported that "she was right on it." She mentioned something about foster parenting children with FASD.
- Deb Evensen reported that the Kenai School District is expanding their FASD efforts including: extensive training and follow-up on previous training; working with specific schools more intensely; going into the classrooms to work with students, teachers, and parents; developing an increased level of skill she hasn't seen before; teachers are really getting it; there's hope; the support we've all put in all these years is starting to pay off. Anchorage School District is going into its 5th year of FASD efforts.

V. DOC/DJJ/OCS Pilot Project: Screening/Serving FASD and Other Neuro-Disabilities. Teri reported a workgroup is forming inviting individuals, organizations, agencies, etc. to develop a pilot project that would address these components in Dept. of Corrections (DOC), Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), Office of Children's Services (foster care) (OCS): screening, diagnosis, appropriate treatment while in custody, transition planning, and appropriate aftercare in the community. Finding a screening tool is the first step. There is one from FASCETS and one from ASANTE Center for DJJ that the workgroup will be looking at. Judge Jeffery that Alaska will be on the forefront of this.

VI. FASD Awareness Day

- Healthy pregnancy walk in Kotzebue; Kiana rang a bell and had presentation in the school where they played the marshmallow game, prizes, awareness walk.
- Anchorage Stick Figures at Loussac Library. Senator Meyer read proclamation; Wendy and Trish both were interviewed for TV; Anna Atla was there and got her photo taken with Sen. Meyer; Stone Soup Group posted awareness posters and photos from the event.
- Restaurant promotion happened in several cities statewide, table tents with FASD information and free non-alcoholic beverage for pregnant women: Juneau, Bethel,

Nome, Palmer, Wasilla, Fairbanks, Hoonah. We're still waiting to know how many tables total had tents on them. Over 800 tables had table tents in seven communities.

VII. Workgroup Updates

- a. Diagnosis/Parent Navigation (no meeting)
- b. Family/Peer Support (no meeting)
- c. FASD & Education System (no meeting)
- d. FASD & Legal System (no meeting)
- e. Prevention/Treatment for Pregnant Women (no meeting)
- f. Services for Adults with FASD (no meeting)
- g. Professional Development (no meeting)
- h. Youth & FASD (no meeting)

VIII. Other Announcements/Trainings/Events

- "An Ounce of Prevention" is an FASD prevention curriculum designed for high school students, includes a video. Mike suggested people look into it.

IX. Next meeting: November 13, 2013